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POLLUTING UNITS IN DELHI
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of polluting units in National Capital Delhi which come under `H` and other categories as per the Master Plan

(b) the steps taken by the Government to control pollution emitted by these units during the last three years;

(c) whether the problem of pollution has been serious in National Capital Delhi;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make the National Capital Delhi pollution free ?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R.BAALU)

(a)&(b) As per the information provided by Central Pollution Control Board,1328 units under `H` category and 5100 units under `F` category in NCT of Delhi, have been closed down.

(c),(d)&(e): The problem of pollution in NCT of Delhi is on account of inadequate sewage treatment, vehicular pollution and industrial activities. Various steps taken by the Government to reduce pollution in NCT of Delhi include the following:

(i) Water polluting industrial units operating in NCT of Delhi, have been directed to install Effluent Treatment Plants.

(ii) 15 CETPs are being set-up to treat industrial effluent generated from 21 industrial areas of NCT of Delhi.

(iii) In pursuance of the orders of Hon`ble Supreme Court in CWP No.725/94, a number of water polluting industrial units operating in non-conforming areas in NCT of Delhi, have been identified and directed to close down.

(iv) In compliance of the orders of Hon`ble Supreme Court in CWP No.4677/85, under the supervision of Nodal Agency, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, MCD and DDA have been directed to close all the polluting units functioning in non-conforming/residential areas or zones.

(v) Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) have been augmented to ensure proper treatment of domestic sewage.

(vi) For control of pollution from automobiles, stricter emission standards and Fuel quality standards have been notified. Use of unleaded petrol, low sulphur diesel and petrol and use of cleaner fuels have been introduced.

(vii) Thrust has been given on use of clean coal technologies in Thermal Power Plants and other industries.